



Rochester Youth Leader Guide - 2013

The HEART Coalition for a Drug-free Rochester has compiled this listing of Rochester youth leaders to assist RCSD and other local organizations to include youth leaders in planning efforts and decision making. The youth named below have received leadership training, and are experienced youth advocates, peer leaders, communicators, and event planners. These youth leaders have a wealth of knowledge that could be put to use to improve both our schools and community. We encourage schools and local organizations to contact the youth listed here, and make use of their talents and experiences.

The HEART Coalition for a Drug-free Rochester promotes youth and community assets, youth leadership, and positive social norms among youth. The name HEART was chosen to reflect the coalition's goals for Rochester: Health, Excellence, Achievement, Responsibility, Truth.

The Youth Leadership groups named below are sponsored by many different organizations including City of Rochester Department of Recreation and Youth Services, City Department of Neighborhood and Business Development, Threshold CAPP, and Metro Council for Teen Potential. Thank you for advancing youth leadership and for participating in this compilation!

Youth Groups listed here include Citizen U, SOAR Youth Leadership Team, Making a Difference Peer Leaders, Threshold Young Voices, Safe Sex Inc., ABC Youth 4 Change, Biz Kid\$ Real and Youth Voice One Vision.

To be included in this Guide, youth groups should contact Brandi Remington at remingb@cityofrochester.gov or Sheila Driscoll at driscoll.mctp@badenstreet.org

Biz Kid\$ Real

Biz Kid\$ Real provides highly motivated Biz Kid\$ Camp graduates, ages 14 to 18, with the tangible skills to operate a cutting-edge business team. These youth-led teams develop a healthy food product line, "VIVE", made from NYS fruits and vegetables; products are sold at the Rochester Public Market, local festivals and the New York State Fair.

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Name of Youth Leader	Grade	School
Lorenzo Carter, Jr.	11	Rochester Early College
Zion Dickerson	9	Wheatland Chili High School
Blessing Glover	12	School of the Arts
Bryeson Henry	8	Fairport Minerva HS
Khadijah Jackson	2013 Graduate	MCC
Justus Lucas	10	School of the Arts
Nazeer Reese	10	Churchville Chili Central
Lillia Rodriguez	11	West Irondequoit HS
Priscilla Sepulveda	11	Vanguard Collegiate HS
Gustavo Sepulveda	11	School of the Arts

CITIZEN U

Citizen U youth collaborate with neighborhood groups and participate in civic engagement, job readiness, personal development and college preparation. Participants are ages 14 to 18 and live in the Focused Investment Strategy areas of Rochester. Citizen U is supported by City of Rochester Department of Neighborhood and Business Development and Cornell Cooperative Extension of Monroe County.

Adult facilitators: Abbie Deacon (ad732@cornell.edu; 461-1000 x 235)
Keith Alexander (kja64@cornell.edu; 461-1000 x 237)

Name of Youth Leader	Grade	School
Nyiaesha Colon	11	Northeast College Prep
Gina Gonzales	11	Northeast College Prep
Kyle Johnson	10	Bishop Kearney HS
Mia Walker	11	Vanguard Collegiate
Gianna Ward	9	Vanguard Collegiate HS

Jayquan Green	11	Wilson HS Commencement Acad
Jonathan Napora	11	East HS
Mayasia Elliston	12	Wilson HS Commencement Acad
Brandon Graham	10	School of the Arts
Aziza Evans	10	World of Inquiry
Joyce Parker	11	School of the Arts
Mariamo Mberwa	12	East HS
Rukia Abdi	10	Wilson HS Commencement Acad

SOAR Youth Leadership Team

SOAR peer leaders focus on advocacy, service, and promotion of healthy life styles; and they organize positive activities for other youth. SOAR is supported by City of Rochester Bureau of Youth Services.

Adult facilitators: Melanie Bloodworth (bloodworm@cityofrochester.gov; 428-6329)

Alicia Evans(legraydynamic@gmail.com)

Name of Youth Leader	Grade	School
AJ Hylton	12	Rochester STEM HS
Aziza Evans	11	World of Inquiry
Cameron Cintron	8	World of Inquiry
Dasia Whitfield	10	School Without Walls
Diana Brown	10	Rochester Early College International High School
Harmony Jennings	9	Northwest Prep
Ian-Shika Dancil	9	Rochester Academy Charter School
Javion Jones	10	Wilson HS Commencement Acad
Javion Mounts	12	Wilson HS Commencement Acad
Jhade Benitez	12	Wilson HS Commencement Acad
Kapri Johnson	12	School Without Walls
Keith Montgomery	10	Rochester Academy Charter School
Kiara Gamble	10	Wilson HS Commencement Acad
Leadner Blue	9	World of Inquiry
Luna Pierre	10	Wilson HS Commencement Acad
Malik Jones	12	Rochester STEM
Mayasia Elliston	12	Wilson HS Commencement Acad
Melique Butler	12	Rochester STEM
Nadijah Pearson	10	Rochester Early College International High School
Nataija Ridley	10	Wilson HS Commencement Acad
NiJay Harris	12	School Without Walls
Tahnae Carpenter-Morris	12	Wilson HS Commencement Acad

Making A Difference (M.A.D.) Peer Leaders

Making a Difference peer leaders use social marketing and video production to encourage their peers to make healthy choices and keep an open mind. Making a Difference peer leaders have dealt with issues including teen pregnancy prevention, addressing stereotypes, improving school meals and smart use of social media. Making a Difference peer leaders are supported by Threshold and Metro Council for Teen Potential.

Adult facilitator: Dahlia Merced (dahliamctp@yahoo.com; 325-8130 ext.216)

Name of Youth Leader	Grade	School
Cristal Agosto	10	Monroe HS
Angeliz Alicea Diaz	10	Monroe HS
Bianca Martinez	2013 Graduate	All City HS
Rebecca Perez	12	Monroe HS
Shearly Madera	2013 Graduate	All City HS

Safe Sex Inc. (SSI)

Safe Sex Inc. youth leaders educate, empower and advocate for young people in Rochester so that young people make informed and positive decisions about sexuality and relationships. SSI youth leaders receive extensive health training, and they organize events, conduct outreach, design positive media messages and deliver workshops to youth and adults. Safe Sex Inc. is supported by City of Rochester Department of Recreation and Youth Services, Metro Council for Teen Potential, and Trillium Health.

Adult facilitator: Junior Dillion (juniordillion@gmail.com; 831-2498)

Name of Youth Leader	Grade	School
Na'im Wilcox	2012 Graduate	Monroe HS
Shasona Moran	12	Monroe HS
Aileen Centeno	2013 Graduate	All City HS
Ruby Melendez	12	Monroe HS
Ruben Perez	11	Vanguard
Grishemary Rosado	2013 Graduate	All City HS
Ronald Dent	12	Marshall
Augusto Manon	11	School Without Walls
Hassan Wade	10	World of Inquiry
Deija Brooks	12	All City HS
Genesis McBride	2013 Graduate	All City HS
Kaisean Roseboro	2013 Graduate	School of the Arts
Delano Frazier	2013 Graduate	Edison HS

Threshold Young Voices Peer Leaders

Threshold Young Voices Peer Leaders promote healthy behaviors and teen pregnancy prevention. Threshold Young Voices members educate themselves, assist with social marketing campaigns and a radio program, and organize events.

Adult facilitators: Anna Mitchell Bain (amitchellbain@thresholdcenter.org)

Nate Brown (nbrown@thresholdcenter.org)

Name of Youth Leader	Grade	School
Kwame Bowens		Wilson Foundation Academy
Brelin Bradford		Wilson Foundation Academy
Rachel Morgan		Wilson Foundation Academy
Terrance Jones		Leadership Academy for Young Men
Chantel Brown		NE NW College Prep (Douglas Campus)
Shailasha Harris		NE NW College Prep (Douglas Campus)
Makhi Whitley		School without Walls
Davon Stevenson		All City HS
Jazmen Calhoun		Rochester Early College International High School
Isaiah Knox		School of the Arts
Elias Knox		School of the Arts

Youth 4 Change, ABC

ABC Youth 4 Change is a youth leadership program that addresses adolescent sexual health. ABC Youth Leaders provide accurate sexual health information to young people in schools and community settings, provide referrals to sexual health care services, perform educational theatre, create youth friendly HIV testing events and advocate for young people within the community. ABC Youth Leaders include both RCSD students and high school graduates and MCC students.

Adult facilitator: Mary Terziani (mterziani@abcinfo.org; 241-3071)

Name of Youth Leader	Grade	School
Jasmine Noble	12	Rochester Early College Intl. HS
Luis Almonte	12	East HS
Jesus Steele	2013 Graduate	East High
Briana Nelson	12	School Without Walls

Youth Voice One Vision

Youth Voice One Vision is a youth council coordinated by City of Rochester's Bureau of Recreation. YVOV members work together as a council and independently at their own recreation centers to provide positive activities for their peers; they also plan and carry out service projects that address community issues.

Adult facilitators: Brandi Remington (remingb@cityofrochester.gov; 428-9342)

Samantha Decker (deckers@cityofrochester.gov; 428-7371)

Name of Youth Leader	Grade	School
Arin Brooks	7	Leadership Academy for Young Men
Mirka Callaway	7	School of the Arts
Deondray Florence	9	Monroe HS
Tamaia Glasgow	9	School of the Arts
DeAndre Jenkins	8	East High School
Rondell Jones	7	# 45 School
Rosamaria Martinez	11	Aquinas
Ranita Williams	9	Penfield High School

Youth Leaders by RCSD School, Sept. 2013

All City High

Name of Youth Leader	Grade	Youth Leadership Group
Bianca Martinez	2013 Graduate	Making a Difference Peer Leader
Shearly Madera	2013 Graduate	Making a Difference Peer Leader
Aileen Centeno	2013 Graduate	Safe Sex Inc.
Grishemary Rosado	2013 Graduate	Safe Sex Inc.
Deija Brooks	12	Safe Sex Inc.
Genesis McBride	2013 Graduate	Safe Sex Inc.
Davon Stevenson		Threshold Young Voices

East High School

Name of Youth Leader	Grade	Youth Leadership Group
Jonathan Napora	11	CITIZEN U
Mariamo Mberwa	12	CITIZEN U
DeAndre Jenkins	8	Youth Voice One Vision
Luis Almonte	12	Youth 4 Change
Jesus Steele	2013 Graduate	Youth 4 Change

Leadership Academy for Young Men

Name of Youth Leader	Grade	Youth Leadership Group
Arin Brooks	7	Youth Voice One Vision
Terrance Jones		Threshold Young Voices

Monroe HS

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Cristal Agosto	10	Making a Difference
Angeliz Alicea Diaz	10	Making a Difference
Rebecca Perez	12	Making a Difference
Na'im Wilcox	2012 Graduate	Safe Sex Inc.
Shasona Moran	12	Safe Sex Inc.
Ruby Melendez	12	Safe Sex Inc.
Deondray Florence	9	Youth Voice One Vision

Northeast / Northwest College Prep

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Nyiaesha Colon	11	CITIZEN U
Gina Gonzales	11	CITIZEN U
Chantel Brown		Threshold Young Voices
Harmony Jennings	9	SOAR Youth Leadership Team
Shailasha Harris		Threshold Young Voices

Rochester Early College International HS

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Diana Brown	10	SOAR Youth Leadership Team
Nadijah Pearson	10	SOAR Youth Leadership Team
Jazmen Calhoun		Threshold Young Voices
Lorenzo Carter, Jr.	11	Biz Kid\$ Real
Jasmine Noble	12	Youth 4 Change

Rochester STEM HS

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AJ Hylton	12	SOAR Youth Leadership Team
Malik Jones	12	SOAR Youth Leadership Team
Melique Butler	12	SOAR Youth Leadership Team

School of the Arts

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Brandon Graham	10	CITIZEN U
Joyce Parker	11	CITIZEN U
Kaisean Roseboro	2013 Graduate	Safe Sex Inc.
Mirka Callaway	7	Youth Voice One Vision
Tamaia Glasgow	9	Youth Voice One Vision
Isaiah Knox		Threshold Young Voices
Elias Knox		Threshold Young Voices
Blessing Glover	12	Biz Kid\$ Real
Justus Lucas	10	Biz Kid\$ Real
Gustavo Sepulveda	11	Biz Kid\$ Real

School Without Walls

Name of Youth Leader	Grade	Youth Leadership Group
Dasia Whitfield	10	SOAR Youth Leadership Team
Kapri Johnson	12	SOAR Youth Leadership Team
Nijay Harris	12	SOAR Youth Leadership Team
Augusto Manon	11	Safe Sex Inc.
Makhi Whitley		Threshold Young Voices
Briana Nelson	12	Youth 4 Change

Vanguard Collegiate

Name of Youth Leader	Grade	Youth Leadership Group
Mia Walker	11	CITIZEN U
Ruben Perez	11	Safe Sex Inc.
Gianna Ward	9	CITIZEN U
Priscilla Sepulveda	11	Biz Kid\$ Real

Wilson Foundation Academy

Name of Youth Leader	Grade	Youth Leadership Group
Kwame Bowens		Threshold Young Voices
Brelin Bradford		Threshold Young Voices
Rachel Morgan		Threshold Young Voices

Wilson HS Commencement Academy

Name of Youth Leader	Grade	Youth Leadership Group
Jayquan Green	11	CITIZEN U
Mayasia Elliston	12	CITIZEN U
Rukia Abdi	10	CITIZEN U
Javion Jones	10	SOAR Youth Leadership Team
Javion Mounts	12	SOAR Youth Leadership Team
Jhade Benitez	12	SOAR Youth Leadership Team
Kiara Gamble	10	SOAR Youth Leadership Team
Luna Pierre	10	SOAR Youth Leadership Team
Mayasia Elliston	12	SOAR Youth Leadership Team
Tahnae Carpenter-Morris	12	SOAR Youth Leadership Team
Nataija Ridley	10	SOAR Youth Leadership Team

World of Inquiry

Name of Youth Leader	Grade	Youth Leadership Group
Aziza Evans	11	SOAR Youth Leadership Team And Citizen U
Cameron Cintron	8	SOAR Youth Leadership Team
Leadner Blue	9	SOAR Youth Leadership Team
Hassan Wade	10	Safe Sex Inc.